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SUBJECT: JAPANESE QUESTIONS ON HMONG CHILDREN

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Classified By: POL M/C W. Michael Meserve. Reasons:1.4(b/d).

11. (U) Action request: see paragraph three.

12. (C) Post conveyed reftel talking points February 16 to MOFA Asian Affairs Bureau First Southeast Asia Division Principal Deputy Director Atsushi Kuwabara. Kuwabara responded that the Japanese embassy in Vientiane was aware of the problem and that Japan shared U.S. concerns for the condition of the children. However, he acknowledged that MOFA was uncertain how to demarche the Lao government in that the latter denies having the children. For instance, Kuwabara asked on what basis the Japanese could say the children's health condition was deteriorating when there was no access to them. Kuwabara wondered whether there was any additional information that the United States might share with Japan in that regard. He said the Japanese Embassy in Vientiane would be happy to exchange views with AmEmbassy Vientiane on this issue. In the meantime, Kuwabara undertook to inform his superiors and share the information with appropriate MOFA personnel.

13. (U) Action request: Please let us know if there is any additional information we may share with MOFA.
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